

Technology Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2007

The Technology Advisory Committee called a Special Meeting on May 7, 2007. Notice of the meeting was duly published. The Committee met at the Bartholomew County School Corporation Information Services Center, 2650 Home Avenue on May 7, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

☒ Chris Price – Chair

☒ Mike Jamerson

☒ Steve Baker

☒ Mark Farr

☒ Mark McHolland

☒ Jim Hartsook

☒ Oakel Hardy

☒ Georgia Miller

Invited Guests:

Brent Engle, InfoComm Systems

Other Attendees:

Stan Gamso, Counsel

I. Review of the Optical Fiber RFP Responses

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Optical Fiber RFP's that had been submitted in response to the TAC's Request for Proposal.

Brent reported that he had examined the responses to the optical fiber service RFP and had prepared a matrix along with his comments for compliance and non-compliance on the part of the respondents. His matrix and comments are attached to these meeting minutes.

From his examination of the respondent's proposals, Brent notes that AT&T I FW and Smithville were not very responsive. I FW appears to have made little to no effort to follow the RFP guidelines. They advised by phone that they didn't wish to respond fully. Smithville, on the other hand, only submitted what they referred to as a "white paper" and did not complete the exhibit attached to the RFP.

Brent also noted that compliance was not 100% by those who did respond. Iquest and DynamicCity came closest to that goal. Jack Carr from IQuest had advised him that he would submit a business model at a later date. The consensus of the Committee members was that models should have been submitted with a proposal.

Oakel questioned whether the Committee could recommend to the City that the City engage in negotiations with some firm outside the RFP process as all the responses that have been submitted were not in compliance. The question was posed to counsel who advised that he was unclear as to whether that was an option.

Chris read an excerpt from an e-mail he received from Jack Carr of IQuest that discussed the proposed business model and IQuest's non-compliance with the RFP.

Georgia questioned whether the proposal that was sent out to the public was specific enough for a responder to comply. She also noted that it appeared from the responses that the respondents wanted to have further discussions with the Committee and/or the City.

Chris commented that he believed there were enough options presented in the RFP's and suggested that the responders did not understand the community's needs or the community's progress to date in providing technology and telecommunication services.

The Committee viewed AT&T's response as simply being one of non-interest. It appeared that an AT&T board member and friend of Will Miller contacted Mr. Miller to inquire as to the City's activities in the request. Chris Price had a discussion with Will that outlined the purpose and activities of the Technology Advisory Committee that were being undertaken on behalf of the City.

In addition, Charlie Green of AT&T asked for an extension for their proposal. However, they did not modify their proposal once the extension was granted for technical reasons unrelated to AT&T's request.

There was further general discussion on the issue of having additional meetings with the various responders and/or whether certain of the responders should be eliminated based on their non-responses and lack of interest.

Motions:

1. A motion was made by Mike Jamerson to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Works to reject all responses to the RFP is being non-responsive and to recommend similar rejection to the Board of Works. Motion was seconded by Oakel. A general discussion followed. Upon a call for vote on the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Oakel to recommend to the Mayor and the Board of Works that they give consideration to Indiana Responders as they have previously entered into various partnerships and have engaged in similar activities as requested in

the RFP. Motion was seconded by Jim. After general discussion and a call for a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion was made by Oakel to recommend to the Mayor that the City of Columbus direct the TAC to investigate Indiana companies and to engage in negotiations with the Indiana Responders in an effort to meet the TAC's and the City of Columbus' requirements for optical fiber service.

The question still remains whether the City could reject the responses to the RFP and proceed directly to negotiation with other parties since none of the responses were in compliance. Counsel advised he was unclear as to the process, but would contact the City Attorney and discuss this with him.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mike moved to adjourn; Oakel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Stanley A. Gamso, Counsel